

August 17, 1998

Tom Munson
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State of Utah Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
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Re: Topaz Mine, M/023/003, Juab County Utah; Request for Release From Earth Work on Monitor # 3 Berms and topsoil 1/3 Dump, and Blue Chalk North # 2 Pit Berms.

Dear Mr. Munson:

As we have previously discussed and you have inspected, additional reclamation treatment as of November 20, 1997 has been completed on the Monitor # 3 dump, Blue Chalk North # 2 dump (enhanced reclamation on previously varianced Blue Chalk #1 dump), Hogs Back topsoil pile seeded, Hogs Back (2 to 1) dump slope and Section 16 North topsoil stockpile area. A site inspection has been conducted independantly by your self and later by Ron Tessner (BLM) of the reclamation sites in the spring of 1998.

As followup to the spring inspections Brush Wellman is requesting a "release" of:

1. "Safety Berms" around the Monitor # 3 pit and the Blue Chalk North # 2 pit as required in the MRP.

2. The Monitor #3 dump topsoiling 1/3 dump.

All reclamation was in accordance to the MKP table 8.0-1 of the projected reclamation liability. The Reveg 1/3 dump has also been completed and should be released fall of 2000, at your discretion. This request should reduce the Reclamation bond by approximately \$67,200. Attachment A updates our current phase bonding status. See work completed in the annual report for more details.

I look forward to your reply on release of the Reclamation bond requested. Please feel free to contact me Clyde Yates at (435-864-5556) ext.102 or Mr. Greg Hawkins at (435-864-2701) ext. 211.

Sincerely,

Clyde Yates

cc: Ron Tessner (BLM), Don McMillan, Greg Hawkins, File
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